

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
)
National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.) WC Docket No. 03-9
2003 Modification of Average Schedules)
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ORDER

Adopted: June 26, 2003

Released: June 27, 2003

By the Chief, Pricing Policy Division:

1. On December 31, 2002, the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. (NECA) filed proposed modifications to the current average schedule formulas to become effective July 1, 2003.¹ NECA's filing was submitted in accordance with Commission rules that require NECA to submit proposed modifications to the average schedule formulas annually or to certify that no modifications are warranted.² In its filing, NECA proposes revisions to the common line formulas, including Common Line Access Line, Common Line Rate of Return, Common Line Line Port, Common Line Transport, and Central Office.³ NECA also proposes revisions to the traffic sensitive formulas, including Traffic Sensitive Central Office, Intertoll Switching, Line Haul Distance Sensitive, Line Haul Non-Distance Sensitive, Traffic Sensitive Transport, Special Access, Traffic Sensitive Rate of Return, and Signaling System 7.⁴ NECA also continues to adjust the formulas to reflect the allocation rules mandated by the *MAG Order*.⁵ General Purpose Computer costs to the Billing and Collection category, Switch Line Port costs to the Common Line Access category, and Transport Interconnection Charge costs to Common Line.⁶

¹ See *National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.'s Proposed 2003 Modification of Average Schedule Formulas* (filed Dec. 31, 2002) (2003 NECA Proposed Modification of Average Schedule Formulas).

² 47 C.F.R. § 69.606(b).

³ 2003 NECA Proposed Modification of Average Schedule Formulas at VIII-1 to VIII-4.

⁴ *Id.* at VIII-4 to VIII-8.

⁵ *Multi-Association Group (MAG) Plan for Regulation of Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers*, CC Docket No. 00-256, Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 16 FCC Rcd 19613 (2001) (*MAG Order*).

⁶ 2003 NECA Proposed Modification of Average Schedule Formulas at 1-5.

NECA requests that these modifications take effect on July 1, 2003, and remain in effect through June 30, 2004.⁷

2. We have reviewed NECA's filing and find that its proposed formulas are reasonable. Therefore, pursuant to section 69.606(a) of the Commission's rules,⁸ we approve the proposed average schedule formulas as submitted in NECA's filing.

3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, that the average schedule formulas proposed by the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. on December 31, 2002, SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE July 1, 2003, and remain in effect through June 30, 2004.

4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 154(i), section 553(6)(B) of the Administrative Procedures Act, 5 U.S.C. § 553(6)(B), and sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, that THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE UPON ITS RELEASE.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



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⁷ By Public Notice issued January 9, 2003, we sought comment on NECA's filing. See *National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.'s Proposed 2003 Modification of Average Schedule Formulas*, WC Docket No. 03-9, Public Notice, DA 03-57 (rel. Jan. 9, 2003). The Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies filed comments supporting NECA's proposed revisions on January 24, 2003. Comments of the Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies (filed Jan. 24, 2003).

⁸ 47 C.F.R. § 69.606(a).